

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, gardeners have a passion for nurturing the beauty and resources of the earth through the planting of seeds, the care of plants and the riches of their efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, gardeners seek to add beauty, splendor, fragrance and nutrition to our lives through the growing of herbs, vegetables, foliage and flowers; and

**WHEREAS**, gardeners work to preserve our country's traditional spirit of independence and initiative through innovation and hard work; and

**WHEREAS**, gardeners advocate the importance of all creatures, large and small, that share our world and their roles in a balanced and productive ecology; and

**WHEREAS**, gardening furnishes a challenging and productive activity for our citizens, for those just learning as well as those having years of experience; and

**WHEREAS**, gardening promotes a healthy lifestyle that lasts a lifetime, helps reduce stress from other areas of our life, and teaches that rewards can come from diligent efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, gardening enables members of Garden Clubs across the nation and the world to make a world of difference in the communities where they reside and work;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim the week of June 5-11, 2016 as

**NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK**

in Vermont

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of  
Vermont on this day 2nd of May, A.D. 2016



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Peter Shumlin  
Governor